

FiSer Regulatory Roadmap – IFRS 17

Regulation	Details	Key elements and impacts
IFRS 17 (International Financial Reporting Standards)	<p>The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) is close to finalising IFRS 17 (formerly known as IFRS 4 Phase 2). IFRS 17 is likely to include certain disclosures from the existing standard, IFRS 4, in addition to several new presentations and disclosures. The goal is to improve the comparability and increase transparency in accounting for insurance contracts. Expected to be effective 3 years post this final paper. Will apply to not only pure insurance entities, but all entities that issue insurance or reinsurance contracts.</p>	<p>Of utmost importance is the need for a full understanding of the information presented and disclosed in insurers public financial statements. This should be understood prior to designing and developing systems and processes to meet the new reporting requirements. Another important strategic dimension to be considered is how stakeholders may respond to the new information presented. There are a few fundamental differences between IFRS 17 and Solvency II and further action is needed to address the new requirements.</p>